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COL. BLISS EXPLAINS CUBA'S DIRE NEED

Tariff Concessions Necessary to Save Planters.

SUGAR GROWERS ON VERGE OF RUIN

The First Effect of Reciprocity Would Be Beneficial.

ANNEXATION IS WANTED

So Declares the Collector of Customs of Bayana, Speaking for General Wood.

Col. Tasker H. Bliss, Collector of Cus. toms at Havana, representing Governor General Leonard Wood, of Cuba, and au thorized to speak for him, appeared be fore the House Committee on Ways and Means today and made a number of important statements, the most interesting being to the effect that if the United States desires to avoid political relations with Cuba, it must enter into mere intimate commercial relations.

There is little or no beggary in the Island, Col. Bliss said, and labor is employed, yet he intimated that a failure to grant some tariff concessions would send the Cuban sugar planter, now trembling on the verge of bankruptcy, to the wall. The first effect of reciprocity, he said, would be to benefit the small planters especially the laborers in the cane fields

Would failure to grant any concessions starve the Cubans into annexa tion?" Colonel Bliss was asked. Innecessary to Go So Far.

"It would not be necessary to do that he replied. "The overwhelming opinion is for annexation, as a State, as a Territory, under military government, or any

Colonel Bilss advocated a readjust. of the islands might fall into American the seventy-fifth year of his age. hands, \$37,000,000 of the \$36,000,000 annual imports now being brought in from Germany, October 27, 1827. He attended foreign countries. He was not convinced, the public schools in his native town; he said, that annexation of the islands afterwards he served three years as a the White House of rats.

Cubans Granted a Hearing.

Colonel Bliss was followed by Louis Place, of the Cuban delegation, who denied the charges that the Sugar Trust free sugar. Not American, but Cuban, in terests, he declared, were involved in the and Cuba was pleading her cause on it

Mr. Mendoza, also of the Cuban delegation, explained that when Cuba acceptpromise of President McKinley that the United States would give Cuba tariff con-Without such concessions, the Platt amendment would werk no advantage to Cuba, he said. The bearings will burned,

General Miles Not Seeking Presidency.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 25.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles is not a candidate for the Presidency of the United

You desire information as to the truth or falsity of the newspaper reports from Washington making me an active candidate for

"I deeply regret these reports Like many others in the past they are absolutely unauthorized. They do not emanate from myself or from my friends, and I trust that the public will not be misled by

seeker for Presidential honors. My ambition has ever been to faithfully serve my country in whatever sphere duty may dictate and this will be my sole purpose in the fu-

"NELSON A. MILES." This denial will, it is believed, set at rest all rumors concerning the writer's political aspirations.

CATS FOR THE MAN WHO PLANNED WHITE HOUSE CAPITOL DOME DEAD Six on Their Way From Bev-

Architect Schoenborn Passes Away at His Home Here.

SKETCH OF INTERESTING CAREER

Mr. August G. Schoenborn, who design ed the dome of the Capitol, died last night ment of tariff rates so that the trade at his home, 133 D Street northeast, in

Mr. Schoenborn was born in Suble, would be desiable from the standpoint of mechanic. In 1843 he began the study of

rehitecture.

He emigrated to the United States in S. and settled in Wisconsin. Two years atter he came to Washington, making the ourney by canal and stage as iar as sumberland, Md., where he took a train or the National Capital. On his arrival acre he secured employment with Thomas at Waster, the architect who had charge.

The "ridders" are named after Beverly's

Walter, the architect who had charge the plans for the extension of the pitcl building.

Mr. Schoenborn began work on the ans and elevations for the proposed tensions on a small scale at first and beequently he worked on the plans for persent dome, which were accepted Mr. Walter.

Mr. Walter.

past and present mayers—"John I.," for the late John I. Baker: "Captain," for the late Charles H. Odell; "Freeborn." for Freeborn Cressy: "Perry," for the donor: "Bennie," for Bennie," for the present mayor, Samuel Cole.

deat Filmore took deep interest in the death of the death When the old Library of Congress was burned, in December, 1851, Mr. Schoenborn has printed the name of the cat. The made the drawings for the new building.

STIRRING APPEAL FOR THE POOR OF THE CITY

Charity Organizations Ask the Public of Washington to Come to the Aid of the Destitute.

The Associated Charities and the Citi- | are wealthy, and many were in very mod zens' Relief Association have issued an erate circums appeal to every public-spirited citizen of the National Capital to aid them in reset by other cities. We should do more

of the city. Fitch, chairmen, and Messre. George M. Siernberg, George Truesdell, John Joy Edson, and Rudoiph Kauffmann, finance come residents of the United States should lead and set a high standard of excellence for other municipalities. committee, Citizens' Relief Association, ital could give \$600 yearly, enough

The appeal in part reads as follows: "It is obviously unjust that 600 or 700 considers to be his share of this import subscribers, out of over 278,090 people in sponsibility, though few of these donors | Building."

lieving the dire necessities of the poor than equal the best of 200 cities in America and Europe in which similar organiza-The appeal is signed by Mr. James E. tions have been established. The Na-

L. Moore. Thomas W. Smith, and S. W. Woodward, finance committee, Associated Charities.

The appeal in part reads or fill. is asked simply to give what he himsel

"Contributions may be sent to the cen this city, should be required to bear the tral office of the two associations, \$11 (entire burden for relief work and re- Street, Mr. Charles F. Weller, general demptive philanthropy which concern and benefit this entire community. Three or of the Associated Charities, Washington four hundred people in average years, and Loan and Trust Company, or to Mr. 600 or 700 in the year of our blizzard, have Berlah Wilkins, treasurer of the Citizens generously assumed this whole civic re- Relief Association, Washington Post

PRESIDENTIAL BOOM FOR JUDGE THOMPSON

Will Nominate Him.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25. - Friends of Judge Owen P. Thompson, of the Springfield cir- SAYS THAT IN GAMING cult, the man who issued the mandamus in the teachers' tax case, deciding against the principal corporations of the State, say that he will be the choice of the Illinois delegation in the next Democratic National Convention for President of the United States.

Judge Thompson has been spending a good deal of time in Chicago lately. He

knows of the mention of his name in con nection with the nomination and has not resented it. He has several times called upon former Governor Altgeld, and on one occasion he read to him the speech he made here recently on "how to handle the

His Friends Think Democrats | When W. J. Bryan was in Chicago this week, he called upon Judge. Thompson. When W. J. Bryan was in Chicago this and got his opinion on questions which he

Judge Thompson is agreeable to the MR. BRYAN TALKS WITH HIM Harrison administration crowd in Chicago and he stands well with the regular Demperatic organization in the State

SCHWAB DID NO WRONG.

HOLLAND REPORTS THAT IRISH ARE PLANNING TO FIGHT ENGLAND

Amsterdam Despatch Declares That Colonel Lynch The Head of the Census Bureau Refuses to Will Soon Sail for the Green Isle to Lead Revolutionary Party.

tion will then be begun.

The Boers declare that the re- brightbellion will come as the result of This belief of his has been con-revolt, in high spirits, and have

erly, Massa

FAIR WARNING GIVEN THE RATS

Felines Now En Route Declared to

Be Selected Champion Eradi-

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 24. - The Hon.

Perry Collier, former mayor of Beverly,

When Mr. Collier learned that the Ex-

How the mayors, past and present, will

ribbons were tied in big bows and the

cats looked really fetching as they were

The half dozen rat-destroying felines from Beverly have not yet arrived at the White House. The rats in the cellar of the historic mansion still fear only the White House cats and the steel traps which Col. Theodore A. Bingham, Super-intendent of Public Buildings and Grannic has purchased to add in the dimensional control of the purchased to add in the dimensional control of the purchased to add in the dimensional control of the purchased to add in the dimensional control of the public dimensional control of the public dimensional control of the public dimensional control of the contr

Grounds, has purchased to aid in the dim-nution of the rat census, Evidently Mayor Collier's rodeut eradi-

ators are still en route from Beverly, nasmuch as not even his letter telling

of their transmission has been received at the White House. The impression that the White House is sorely overrun with rate is rather er-roneous. The watchmen can walk through

the corridors of the basement at night with absolute impunity. The slumbers of the President are undisturbed by the scampering of rats between the walls, or

the gnawing of their teeth on the cen-tury-old rafters.

The contents of the Presidential larder are never bothered. In fact, the White House is no more afflicted with rats than

Mass., has forwarded six of Beverly's

cators of Rodents.

rising in Ireland are current Lynch's recent successful candi- pledging their respective heads to here, and have caused a tremen- dacy for a place in the British a declination of all British favors Parliament was solely to test the and to a refusal to take any part The story started with the local Irish spirit, and his own hold in the coming coronation ceremo Boers, and is to the effect that upon Irishmen, and that the pro- nies. Which actions he takes as Col. Arthur Lynch, Irishman and jected rebellion is the result of the indicating the existence of a par-Boer soldier, will sail shortly very flattering outcome of that ticularly bitter anti-British sentifrom the French Coast for Bally- test. He is credited with believ- ment. raghan, and will there be met by ing that all Ireland will rally to The Boers here are, because of a rebel force, and that the revolu- him, and that chances for throw- the attitude of her colonies to ing off the English yoke are ward England, and the Indian

Boer machinations, and that all siderably strengthened since the ceased talking of surrender.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 25.-Ru- details have been made ready. election by the recent action of mors of an impending armed up- It is now said that Col. Arthur various Irish municipalities in

troubles, and the promised Irish

DRUNKEN JURORS IN THE POLICE COURT

Mr. Shoemaker Not Only Renews His Former Charges, But He Also Goes Into Startling Details.

Mr. A. E. Shoemaker, attorney for the which were submitted to show that those Anti-Saloon League, has submitted to of Mr. Shoemaker were wrong, Mr. Shoemaker was also were wrong, Mr. Shoemaker were wrong, Mr. Shoemaker was also were wrong, Mr. Shoemaker were wrong, Mr. Shoemaker was also were were wrong, Mr. Shoemaker was also were were wrong, Mr. Shoemaker was also were wrong, Mr. Shoemaker was also were were wrong, Mr. Shoemaker was reply to that recently made by Mr. James sented were solely those of cases against L. Pugh, jr., relative to the trying of liquor cases in the Police Court.

Shoemaker says he did not make the re- of denial, which he based upon the total mark exactly as attributed to him-not number of all liquor cases, including that he had seen it done, but that he had knowledge of its being done.

those of speak-easies. Mr. Shoemaker states that there are three times as many had knowledge of its being done.

finest cats to President Roosevelt to rid dealers has been sufficient many times to sented. secure acquittal. ecutive Mansion was overrun with rais judge rated the jury harshly for bringing and reiterates the statements made by

the District Commissioners a statement in maker says that the statistics he pre Relative to the bribing of juries, Mr. before he furnished his broad statement

Mr. Shoemaker says that the friendli- of the latter as of the former, hence the ness of men in the interests of the liquor discrepancy in the two statements pre-He mentions instances in which the question of delays of these cases in court

in a verdict contrary to the evidence. him before the Commissioners. He shows Mr. Shoemaker further states that one that the cases of liquor dealers are ex case had to be tried over on account tended on the most trivial reasons, one the six with the best records were selected.

The "ridders" are named after Beverly's past and present mayers—"John I.," for the late John I. Baker: "Captain," for the late Charles H. Odell; "Freeborn."

The "ridders" are named after Beverly's were irwink in the court room, three of them being discharged in the midst of a seek controversy, but that the misunder-term by the court for drunkenness.

With reference to Mr. Pugh's figures that he thought be ought to speak.

Secretary Hay Plans an Aristocratic Apartment House.

Secretary of State Hay is becoming a real estate owner in the Distric in a most important way, and, more than this, he is considering plans for a handsome apartment house, one of the finest in the city, and on one of its most aristocratic avenues

per mansion, on Connecticut Avenue, completes and rounds out one of t most desirable blocks of Connecticut Avenue property owned by any one holder. The Secretary now holds 247 feet frontage on the avenue, extending from the Draper house, near K Street, all the way to L Street, by a depth on L Street of 194 feet. His lot contains approximately 30,000 square feet, the exact dimensions being 29,801 feet.

Mr. Hay has made plans for an apartment house to fill this entire lot. The edifice, if it is built, will cost, with the ground, about \$800,000. It will be a superb building, fitting in every way the local'ty and Secretary Hay's arisvocratic and expensive tastes.

At present the arrangements are not progressing very rapidly. It was suggested by the business men who have taken charge of the plans that a stock company should be formed in which Mr. Hay should take a large block of the stock. The proposition was made to other business men, but it does not seem to have met with immediate favor. The building of apart ment houses has been overdone, according to some authorities, and capitalists seem averse to embarking in the venture on such an extensive scale as these plans suggest.

Meanwhile, although the plan is in abeyance and may not be carried out for years, Secretary Hay does not worry over his real estate holdings. The property is paying a handsome rental which nets him a very fair in terest on his investment. The entire block cost the Secretary between \$200,000 and \$225,000, and it is said to rent for between \$10,000 and \$15,000

The last purchase made by the Secretary was the house next to the Draper property. It is the southernmost of his holdings. The price paid was \$42,000. Real estate men say that the figure was high and that no one else than the Secretary could have afforded to pay as much for it, and he, only because he wished to complete a block

POVERTY, SIN, AND SORROW, AND HOW THEY ARE MINIMIZED THROUGH WORK OF SALVATION ARMY

By FREDERICK BOOTH-TUCKER, Commander.

empt to portray in picture, song, and by the song of the hobo. and great importance of our labor. The followed by a representation of the Ma- a vivid idea of various phases of our the often-expressed desire that those in- dike or lumber camps, and who is strugheir own eyes episodes, which would not wolf from the door, fail to touch their hearts and stir their Pictures of a few of the 207 institutions pauperology which breaks up the pool sympathies. Then came the thought, Why in the United States, where accommodathinks will become national issues in not place before the public so realistic a tion for 9,000 poor persons has been proat least they would traverse with us those ing a description of the fifty Industrial a home-owner. The fallacy that the

> Unhappily, my dear wife, who was the employed. uthor of the conception of the lecture Our work among the intemperate is il-

The lecture commences with a vivid Banner."

The work of the Salvation Army deals | cent in other countries-hence our open- | by the Inquiry Bureau; the death of with the woes and the welfare of the poor air meetings and saloon visitation; the poor woman in the slums, her three chiland the sinful. In our lectures we at- workless and homeless classes, followed dren being taken to an army orphanage iving tableaux the scope, significance. Descriptive pictures of slum life are tume singing the weird native airs, giv-

onception of the lecture, "Dramatic donna of the slums-the poor woman work erested in the poor could witness with gling bravely and honestly to keep the of waste into a unity of production

portrayal of those scenes that in spirit vided, follow in quick succession, includnysterious mazes of poverty, of sin, and Homes, where work to the value of \$70,-000 was turned out last year by the un- and contradicted.

worship in this country-80 and 90 per restoration of a lost father to his home poor from 600 to 9,000.

and a group of our officers in Hindeo co

Scenes of Love and Sorrow," sprang from whose husband has gone to the Klon- labor on waste land by means of waste capital and thereby converting the trinity also described. The ordinary system man's family is contrasted with a system which takes the stranded family intac out of the city and places it on the rich irrigated lands of the West and makes i "won't go, stay, work, or pay" is exp

That rapid progress has been mad these various departments may be jude from the facts that six years ago we had n all its minutest details, has been pre- lustrated by the conversion of the drunk- in the United States 620 corps, outposts ented by illness from delivering it. Nev- ard, in the closing verse of which her and social relief institutions for the poor, rtheless, she has commissioned me to four daughters join in singing an army we have now 969 such; our officers and song to the tune of "The Star-Spangled" to 3,000; our an sai income for social relief work from the payments or work of description of the need—the working- Work in the prisons, the conversion of the poor has increased from \$20,000 to man-50 per cent attending no place of a murderer and his triumphant death; the \$300,000, and our accommodation for the

DIRECTOR MERRIAM **DECLINESTO ANSWER**

Reply to Questions Regarding His Administration and Denies the Right of Anyone to Interrogate Him Along That Line.

KILLED COOPER

Strother Breaks Down and Tells the Whole Story.

SLEW VICTIM FOR HIS DIAMONDS

He Stole the Gems and then Murdered the Owner.

STRUCK ONLY ONE BLOW

After Delivering Mortal Blow, Slayer Went Out and Gave the Alarm. Could Not Stand the Ordeal.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25.-The mystery of the nurder of Millionaire A. Dean Cooper has

een cleared. At 9:45 o'clock this morning, William . Strother, the negro attendant at the bath house where the crime was commit ted, cried out to Chief of Detectives Des-

"I Killed Him!"

"Yes, I killed him. I killed him with he stone sledgehammer so that I could rob him.'

forty-eight hours of as severe cross-examination as a criminal was ever sub-The chief immediately called in the offi- of the office.

tatement taken in full. Slain for His Diamonds.

Later Strother said to a reporter: "Yes, I killed Mr. Cooper, I killed m so I could keep the diamonds. But hid them. I did not take them from

"After I hid the diamonds I came upstairs and saw Mr. Cooper asleep. Then a strange feeling came over me to kill

Drinks for His Nerve.

"I took two drinks to give me nerve. went down into the cellar again and ing else. But then, I am simply doing my got the hammer. Returning to the room duty,

CHICAGO WELCOMES

Thousands Gathered at the Depot to Meet Him.

TOUCHED BY THE DEMONSTRATION

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Admiral Schley ame to Chicago this morning. No seventeen guns marked his entry. but the whoops and cheers with which the grizzled sea warrior was greeted had a ring that could not come from the can-

Thousands at Depot.

As early as 7 o'clock the hero worshiprs began to gather in and around the Grand Central depot, and when the ad- clerks fainted yesterday or any other day pushing and fighting for points of van-

The train had barely stopped, when the admiral appeared on the front platform, and his appearance started afresh the bombardment of cheers that signalized the appearance of the train far down the Smiled and Bowed.

To those who were so fortunate as to Condor's Boiler Explodes While Purtain entrance to the depot, he smiled and

That he was overcome by the magnitude of the welcome there is no gainsaying. But he quickly regained his composure when his eye fell on the naval guard of honor, composed of veterans of the civil war, some for horo fought with Schley.

The old salts saluted gravely and the admiral responded in kind. The sight of those greyhaired men, lined up to do him honor, seemed to be more to him than all the cheering.

MADRID, Jan. 25.—The Spanish gunbeat Condor, whose boiler blew up last night, was pursuing some boats engaged in Blegal fishing when the disaster occurred. She fired a few shots at them and then the boiler exploded. Of the crew of twenty injury. Of the other nineteen the majority were stilled.

The vessel foundered soon after the explosion.

Questions Mr. Merriam Would Not Answer.

If work is lacking, why reinstate clerks after their dismissal? If work is lacking, why are clerks denied sick leave?

If work is not lacking, why such wholesale dismissals? Why are a score or more of clerks being put through a civil service examination today to ascertain if they are capable of filling

positions which they have already held for a year or more? Why were they not examined in the first place; otherwise how did

they get in? If sick leave is denied, why are the rooms in the Union Building kept in such an unsanitary condi-

Is not the atmosphere in these

rooms such that many of the clerks are daily made ill through lack of proper ventilation? Did not only yesterday two of the young lady clerks become so ill

that they fainted? What is the law governing sick How many clerks have been dismissed since this wholesale decapitation started?

Mr. William R. Merriam, Director of the Census, not only positively refused this morning to answer the foregoing questions asked him by the Times, but questioned the right of anyone to cate chise his administration of the affairs

How are those to be dismissed

fal stenographer, and had Strother's Having positively refused to answer any of the questions, Director Merrian began to take issue with the Times on many of the points brought out in the questions

"I am simply doing my duty. "It appears to me," said the Director, that the Times has singled cut this department of all others as a seat for the waging of a relentless campaign. And why should it?

"I am a strict disciplinarian, and am conducting the administration of this office in the interest of the Government and none other. If the Times listens to the complaints of various clerks in this office it could fill its columns daily with noth-

"I touch him still asleep.

"I took another drink, then raised the hammer and struck. The blow was a glancing one. I knew it had not killed him outright, but I did not strike again."

"It is true that the sick leave has been suspended temporarily, but for the very best of reasons. I am at the head of an emergency office, and am required by the Government to turn out a certain by the Government to turn out a certain." mount of work, in a period of time al

"The Government employes are allowed thirty days sick leave a year, or two and a half days a month. But so long as I am at the head of the Census office, I do not propose to have the clerks steal this time from the Government, when they are able to work. I will not tolerate it for a minute.

No One Really III Refused Leave. But on the other hand there is not a lerk in this department, who is really

il, that is ever refused leave of absence "The temporary suspension of the sick ave was ordered by me to prevent a reprence of the demoralization of the force employed, such as occurred at the Christmas holidays.
"At that time so many availed themselves of the two days and a half allow-

serves of the two days and a half allow-ed them for sick leave that every division was crippled as a consequence.

"As to the unsanitary conditions of the building, I have nothing whatever to do with that end of it. We lease the best buildings for office purposes that are available. Fainting Not Uncommon,

"The fact that two of the young lady niral's train pulled in, thousands were is not an uncommon occurrence. Such a condition naturally follows in the employment of a large force of people.
"I question the right of The Times or

WRECKED DURING CHASE.

suit Was On.

Attorney General Knox's Son Is Fined For Fast Driving.

Mr. Reed Knox, twenty years old, son of Attorney General Knox, was fined \$5 by Judge Kimball in the Police Court today on a charge of fast

Knox is a smooth-faced black-haired, well-dressed young man of sing manner. A policeman testified that last evening Mr. Knox went up Sixteenth Street with a norse and trap at the rate of fifteen miles an hour,

seven miles an hour faster than the law permits. Mr. Knox explained that his horse, a high-spirited animal, bolted at Q Street and that he did strike a right rapid gait and held it for a couple of blocks, but he denied that he had willfully or intentionally broken the law. Judge Kimball said he would like to excuse the young man, but that he could not consistently do so. All persons, high or low, in the social scale

should be treated alike when they failed to keep within the law. Mr. Knox smiled, handed over a \$5 note, and left the court room